implements, sprinkler set etc. In addition, frontline and general demonstrations are organised on farmer's fields to transfer the production technology.

Expansion of Chandigarh Railway Station

2628. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chandigarh Railway Station is a very important station being the Capital of the two States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a very large area of Railway land is lying vacant outside the station for expansion of a big Terminal easily; and

(c) if so, whether any survey has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is adequate land available for expansion of the facilities at the Station, as and when such an expansion becomes necessary to cope with an increase in volume of traffic and number of trains being run, and subject to availability of funds.

(c) No, Sir.

Incentives to Farmers for shifting to Food Crops

2629. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering steps to provide incentives to the farmers to shift to food crops particularly the coarse foodgrains crops;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof;

(c) whether this should not be dovetailed with the imperatives of food security; and

(d) the details of the food security status projections for 2000 AD?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (c) The strategy and Programme of the Government are aimed for balanced growth of food and non foodgrain crops-; to meet the requirement of various- commodities. As part of the effort **to** ensure supply of adequate quantity of foodgrains, Government of India is providing incentives for increasing production and productivity 'of coarse cereals through crop oriented schemes namely Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals based cropping system areas.

(d) The foodgrain production in the country during 1990-91 to 1994-95 has shown a compund rate of growth of about 2.46% per annum. This rate of growth in production of foodgrain is likely to be sustained in Ninth Five Year Plan as the rate of growth of food production is likely to be higher than the rate of growth of populations which is around 2% per annum. The food, security status is likely to remain comfortable by the year 2000 AD.

Railway booking as Allied Service in Delhi Offices

2630. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will **the.** Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Offices and Department in Delhi where railway booking is functioning as an allied service;

(b) the policy and criteria for posting staff and officers at such places;

(c) the policy and criteria for transfer of such staff and officers;

(d) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into malpractices; and

(e) the steps being taken to avoid long stay of officers and staff at one place?